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1. LAST NIGHT DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SUKICH GAVE ME SMALL FAREWELL DINNER AT HIS HOME. OTHER GUESTS WERE PRIME MINISTER DANYA AND DCM MASTERS AND WIFE. THIS GAVE ME OPPORTUNITY TO INFORM SANYA OF CALL ON EMBASSY YESTERDAY BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THAI GRADUATE STUDENT GROUP PROTESTING PRESENCE OF THANOM IN THE UNITED STATES. IN DOING SO I OUTLINED OUR RESPONSE, INCLUDING STATEMENT THAT "WE RECEIVED CONCURRENCE OF THAI GOVERNMENT IN THE GRANTING OF VISAS," AND SANYA RAISED NO QUESTION ABOUT THIS. (EARLIER POLITICAL COUNSELOR HAD REVIEWED MATTER WITH FOREIGN OFFICE WHICH EXPRESSED VIEW THAT WE WERE TAKING PROPER COURSE ON THIS MATTER.)

2. CONVERSATION OTHERWISE SOCIAL AND PERSONAL. MY IMPRESSION SANYA SOMEWHAT FATIGUED BUT QUITE CALM AND DETERMINED TO CARRY OUT HIS TASKS. WHEN I REFERRED TO MY CONVERSATION EARLIER IN THE EVENING WITH KZZIT PRAMOJ ABOUT BEGINNINGS OF WHAT MIGHT BECOME FRAGMENTATION OF STUDENT MOVEMENT, I FOUND PRIME MINISTER NOT DISTURBED ABOUT THIS. SUKICH APPEARED TO FEEL IT MAY EVEN HAVE SOME BENEFITS SINCE HE IS APPREHENSIVE ABOUT EXCESSIVE STUDENT ROLE IN POLITICS WHICH HE APPARENTLY FEELS MONOLITHIC ORGANIZATION TENDS TO ENCOURAGE.
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